

ULAM Delivery of Humane Care to Rodents Meeting

Friday May 30, 2008 8-5pm

90 day review, MSII 2813

Attendees: Hugunin, Hutyra, Johnson, Kubik, Luckman, Molnar, Rogers, Steiner, Kotus, Evans, Benzler, Maute, O'Connor

Brief Summary and Action points:

- First draft of ATR was piloted by about 30 people in MSRB and BSRB. Feedback was obtained on ATR as the pilot progressed and at a pizza lunch. Feedback will be used to provide a second draft of the ATR. This will be piloted in MSRB, BSRB and one additional area.
- This ATR is under modification to facilitate ease of completion and provide accurate complete information to deliver medical care to university animals. We are also measuring if we are making improvements in processes with the new ATR's and see where we may obtain additional efficiencies.
- A medical contact for each PI lab is being identified and information stored to facilitate the lab's response to a medical or husbandry related concern for research animals. Information has been gathered from PI's in MSRB. Dawn ran a pilot in several rooms to see if PI's would fill out a book with this information, but obtained a poor response rate. Randy is looking into collecting medical contact information from PI's at the time the order is placed and possibly putting this information on the cage cards. All medical contact information gathered will be placed in one location so that people will be able to update information as it becomes available. Dawn will contact those PI's who didn't respond on her pilot to find out the reason for not responding.
- The training core has developed a draft of a "Do not report" SOP with training materials that could be used to train husbandry staff of clinical issues that don't need to be reported. Before doing this, the team will determine how many of these issues are actually reported. If the number is significant (originally thought to be 25%), the team will pilot the SOP.
- Identifying an effective communication system for use in the animal facilities is proving challenging. Howard will be following up with Glen Hiller from MSIS to identify a resource person in MCIT to help us address this issue.
- Carrie's team has identified a cage rack identification system that works and will be implemented throughout the facilities by mid-July. The team is working on 2 pilot projects for identification of cages including standardization of acetates and use of standardized labels to decrease the amount of information stored in the cage card holder. The team has generated a lot of great ideas and can use your help!
- Kelly's team has piloted both an ulcerative dermatitis and malocclusion email and information sheet to send to PI's to communicate commonly diagnosed medical conditions and determine the lab's approval for treatment of the current and any future cases of these commonly diagnosed clinical conditions.
- Information about the 90 day review meeting will be placed on the CTools website and the ULAM website. Notices of ULAM's lean team efforts have also been placed into the Biomedical News and Backbone.
- Efforts of the ULAM lean team will continue through continued pilot projects, regular meetings, establishment of forums with PI's and continued participation and input of all ULAM'ers. Give us your thoughts and ideas!!!